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For:	COMBINATION SIS AND VACUUM BANDAGE AND METHOD		

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 27, 2004, the Examiner is requested to reconsider the rejections therein for the reasons presented below.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 14-18, 27, 28, 30-37 and 39-45 as being unpatentable over Argenta ('081) and Silver ('298) in view of Lina et al. ('823) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is requested. The Examiner's characterization of the reference to Lina et al. ('823) is believed to be incorrect. In particular, it is proffered that Lina et al. ('823) provides a pad that is biodegradable. This is not true. Lina et al. ('823) indicates that the pad is treated for biocompatibility, but not biodegradable. As noted, for example in the abstract, the pad "contains multiple pore sizes to prevent granulation tissues from migrating into the pad ... to prevent tissue from growing into the pad." At col. 1 lines 15, 16 it states that there is a porous pad that "does not adhere to the healing tissue." Note col. 2 lines 4-14 wherein it is stated that the pad is such that "granulation tissue does not migrate into the pad